

REMARKS

The Applicant acknowledges the Decision on Appeal by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences that was rendered on November 20, 2009.

The Applicant has amended the claims to express in more clear and expansive form the features that distinguish the claimed inventions over the applied references. For instance, the independent claims now recite the feature of "protecting the unprotected digital content by the digital content publication module, further comprising storing the protected digital content without providing the protected digital content to the digital rights manager." The applied references do not disclose, teach or suggest at least this feature.

Under MPEP 1214.07, the Applicant is entitled to reopen prosecution of a final decision on appeal by filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Accordingly, reconsideration and further examination are requested in light of the concurrently filed RCE and the above-noted amendments to the claims.

No fees are due in connection with this Amendment, although the fees for the Request for Continued Examination are being paid by way of the Electronic Filing System (EFS). Please apply any charges not otherwise paid or apply any credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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